

The Bible and Tradition

We agree the Bible is God's word. The question is how it reached you.

In short. Catholics and Protestants agree all Scripture is inspired.¹ Catholics hold that Scripture and apostolic Tradition flow from one source, and that the Church discerned which books belong in the Bible.^{2,3}

Key points

- Scripture is inspired and teaches God's truth without error.⁴
- Scripture and Tradition flow from one divine source.²
- The canon was discerned through apostolic Tradition.³

Try this, this week

1. **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:15.** Notice "by word" and "by letter."
2. **Read John 21:25.** Not everything Jesus did got written down.
3. **Read the Case page** on who decided which books are in the Bible.

"So then, brothers, stand firm and hold the traditions which you were taught by us, whether by word or by letter."

2 Thessalonians 2:15 [Douay 2:14], World English Bible

Common questions

Remember: Not Bible plus extras: one stream, one source.

Sources

1. CCC 105
2. CCC 80
3. CCC 120
4. CCC 107

Quotation above: 2 Thessalonians 2:15 [Douay 2:14], World English Bible. Catechism: official text on vatican.va.

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